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PORT AND RIPARIAN SANITARY AUTHORITIES.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

1. Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, provides that a Medical Officer of Health shall, as soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each year, make an Annual Report to the Authority up to the end of December on the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the District, containing, in addition to any other matters upon which he may consider it desirable to report, such information as may from time to time be required by the Minister.

2. Article 27(18) of the Regulations provides that the Sanitary Inspector shall, as soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each year, furnish the Medical Officer of Health with a tabular statement containing the following particulars :—

(*a*) The number and nature of inspections made by him during the year ;

(*b*) The number of notices served during the year, distinguishing statutory from informal notices ;

(*c*) The result of the service of such notices.

3. The records of the Authority should accordingly be kept in such form as to enable their Medical Officer of Health to prepare his Report without delay at the close of each year. **The Report should be in the form and sequence indicated herein—the lettering of the tables being adhered to.**

4. The Medical Officer of Health should include in his Report any comments which he may think desirable (1) under the several heads indicated herein, and (2) in regard to the need for any developments or extensions which, in his opinion, are necessary to render the work of the Authority fully efficient.

5. In the case of those ports which are approved under the Aliens Order, 1920, for the landing of aliens, the Medical Officer of Health should report generally upon the work of medical inspection of aliens.

6. The Medical Officer of Health should send to the Minister three copies of his Report by the 31st March of the year following that to which the report relates. The copies should be addressed to The Secretary, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. If the Authority are not the Council of a County Borough, the Medical Officer of Health should also send a copy of his Report to the County Council and, where a Port Sanitary District is in more than one administrative county, a copy should be sent to the Council of each County concerned.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

February, 1937.

APPENDIX.

MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

I. Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the Year.

TABLE A.

——	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected. By the Medical Officer of Health.	Number inspected. By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board.
FOREIGN ... Steamers...	6	176					
FOREIGN ... *Motor ...							
FOREIGN ... Sailing ...							
FOREIGN ... Fishing ...							
Total Foreign ...	6	176					
COASTWISE Steamers...	7	228					
COASTWISE *Motor ...							
COASTWISE Sailing ...							
COASTWISE Fishing ...							
Total Coastwise ...	7	7					
Total Foreign and Coastwise	13	404					

* Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

II. Character of Trade of Port.

TABLE B.

(*a*) Passenger Traffic during the year.

No. of Passengers.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Transmigrants.
Inwards		Nil		
Outwards		Nil		

(*b*) Cargo Traffic.

Principal imports. Principal exports.

(*c*)

Foreign Ports from which vessels arive.

III. Water Supply.

(1) Source of supply for (*a*) the port, (*b*) shipping.
(2) Hydrants and hosepipes. What precautions are taken against contamination ?
(3) Number of water boats and their sanitary condition.

IV. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

(1) Arrangements for dealing with Declarations of Health.
(2) Boarding of vessels on arrival.
(3) Notification to the Authority of inward vessels requiring special attention (wireless messages, land signal stations, information from pilots, Customs Officers, etc.).
(4) Mooring stations designated under Article 10 : (*a*) within the docks, (*b*) outside the docks.
(5) Particulars of any standing exemptions from the provisions of Article 14.
(6) Experience of working of Article 16.
(7) What, if any, arrangements have been made for :—
(*a*) Premises and waiting rooms for medical examination.
(*b*) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons and clothing and other articles.
(*c*) Premises for the temporary accommodation of persons for whom such accommodation is required for the purposes of the Regulations.
(*d*) Hospital accommodation available for Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox and other infectious diseases.
(*e*) Ambulance transport.
(*f*) Supervision of contacts.

(8) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rats for plague.
(9) Arrangements for other bacteriological or pathological examinations.
(10) Arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among sailors under international arrangements.
(11) Arrangements for the interment of dead.
(12) Other matters, if any, requiring or receiving attention.

TABLE C.

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

Disease.	No. of Cases during the year.		No. of Vessels concerned.	Average No. of Cases for previous 5 years.
	Passengers.	Crew.		
	Nil			

TABLE D.

Cases of Infectious Sickness occurring on Vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival.

Disease.	No. of Cases during the year.		No. of Vessels concerned.	Average No. of Cases for previous 5 years.
	Passengers.	Crew.		
	Nil			

If any case of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox or Typhus occurred, or if plague-infected rats were discovered, or if any severe outbreak of Malaria occurred on an arriving ship during the year, a short account should be given of the steps taken.

V. Measures against Rodents.

(1) Steps taken for detection of rodent plague (*a*) In ships in the port. (*b*) On quays, wharves, warehouses, &c., in the vicinity of the port.
(2) Measures taken to prevent the passage of rats between ships and the shore.
(3) Methods of deratisation of (*a*) Ships. (*b*) Premises in the vicinity of docks or quays.
(4) Measures taken for the detection of rat prevalence in ships and on shore.
(5) Rat-proofing.
  (*a*) To what extent are docks, wharves, warehouses, &c., rat proof ?
  (*b*) Action taken to extend rat-proofing.
    (i) in ships ; (ii) on shore.

Rats destroyed during the year.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

Number of Rats.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
Black													
Brown													
Species not recorded													
Examined ...						Nil							
Infected with plague													

TABLE F.

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Number of Rats.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
Black													
Brown													
Species not recorded													
Examined ...							Nil						
Infected with plague													

TABLE G.

Measures of Rat Destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" Vessels or Vessels from plague infected ports arriving in the Port during the year.

Total Number of such Vessels arriving. 1.	Number of such Vessels fumigated by SO_2. 2.	Number of Rats killed. 3.	Number of such Vessels fumigated by HCN. 4.	Number of Rats killed. 5.	Number of such Vessels on which trapping, poisoning, &c., were employed. 6.	Number of Rats killed. 7.	Number of such Vessels on which measures of Rat destruction *were not carried out.* 8.
			Nil				

TABLE H.*

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year.

Net Tonnage. 1.	No. of Ships. 2.	No. of Deratisation Certificates Issued.					No. of Deratisation Exemption Certificates Issued. 8.	Total Certificates Issued. 9.
		After fumigation with			After Trapping, Poisoning, etc.	Total.		
		HCN. 3.	Sulphur. 4.	HCN. and Sulphur. 5.	6.	7.		
Ships up to 300 tons								
,, from 301 tons to 1,000 tons				Nil.				
,, ,, 1,001 ,, 3,000 ,, ...								
,, ,, 3,001 ,, 10,000 ,, ...								
,, over 10,000 tons								
TOTALS								

* Applicable only to those Ports approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention, 1926. (Form Port 11.)

VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

TABLE J.

Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number inspected during the year.	Defects of original construction.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
British				
Other Nations		Nil.		

VII. Food Inspection.

(1) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1925, the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations, 1933, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1927.

(2) *Shell-fish.* Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the P.S.A. stating whether they are in the opinion of the Medical Officer liable to pollution. Report of any action taken under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934, or the Public Health (Cleansing of Shell-fish) Act, 1932.

Any available information on the following points :—

(i) the places to which shell-fish taken from layings in the district are sent to be marketed ;

(ii) the layings from which shell-fish (specifying the kinds of shell-fish) which may be marketed in the district, are derived.

(3) *Number of Samples of Food examined by* :—

(*a*) Bacteriologist.
Nature of Sample. Result of Examination.

(*b*) Analyst.
Nature of Sample. Result of Examination.

No food ships enter the port.

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